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## ASCS TODAY

by Tom Conrad

**County Implements Livestock Feed Program**

An Emergency Livestock Feed Program (LFP) has been announced for the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Cumberland, Nottoway, Powhatan, and Prince Edward by Mahlon K. Rudy, State Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The program has been implemented due to the drought conditions in the south central portion of the state, which has caused a serious shortage of livestock feed.

Livestock owners suffering severe losses of feed production may be eligible for the program. Eligible producers may purchase available grain from Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) stocks at county loan rate. The only grain available at the present time is oats, and the purchase price for the state of Virginia is 71 cents per bushel.

To be eligible, an applicant must not have sufficient feed for his livestock because of the dry weather. Also, it must be an undue financial hardship ( in the judgment of the local county ASCS committee) for a livestock owner to obtain sufficient feed through normal trade channels without: 1. Imperiling continuance of his farming operation, or 2. Defaulting on existing financial obligations, or 3. Unsound borrowing, or 4. Excessive disposal of livestock.

Livestock owners who believe that they qualify for assistance under the LFP should contact the county ASCS office for program details.

## Feeder Calf Deadline Extended

The deadline for returning nomination forms for the Amherst Feeder Calf sale to be held at the Amherst County Livestock Market on October 8, 1976 has been extended to September 22, 1976 instead of September 15th.

This is being done due to the fact that some of the area Extension Agents were late in mailing the Nomination forms to farmers in their areas.

Due to dry conditions and the fact that the Amherst Market can easily accomodate 2200 head or better, late cattle will be accepted fo this sale as long as they meet the Virginia Feeder Calf Association requirements.

( de will be weighed in beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of October 7th, and the morning of the 8th until 11:00 A.M. The sale will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Anyone interested in obtaining nomination forms, please ask at your local extension office or contact Mrs. Robert Howell, Secretary, at 804-277-5907.

Richardson Family Reunion

The family of the late J. N. Richardson will have their family reunion Sunday, Sept. 26 at 12:30 in the fellowship hall at the Piney Ridge Methodist Church, Pamplin, Va.

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## The Pastor Speaks

There is a crush upon us today from environmentalists who warn us that unless we make every effort possible to curb pollution and purify the air we breathe, the human race is in danger of reversing the many gains that lead to longer and healthier life. There is no substitute for the air we breathe and it cannot be neglected. We have allowed our progress to go to the limit where it now endangers those who are supposed to reap its benefits. It is now a matter of posterity: what kind of world are we providing for those to follow?

The right kind of atmosphere has always been the concern of the Christian faith. We know that unless there is the right kind of environment, the virtues of life will not grow and prosper. If the surroundings are wholesome, then people grow into the desirable habits of truth, justice and peace. If the surroundings, physical and spiritual, are in decay, then unwholesome attitudes and habits will flourish.

The importance of setting the right atmosphere for children is one of the strongest worded teachings of Jesus. "Temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come. It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." (Luke 17:1-2) We are responsible for what we give to the next generation.

Proverbs states, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Child abuse is a much more prevalent crime today than we realize or admit. It is not always intentional or obvious, but often subtle in neglect and impatience. Consider this day how you treat children, what example you set for them. Consider the atmosphere, physical and spiritual.

Rev. Edward Leonard, Jr.
Minister, Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox

## The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976

Topic: Set Free!
Scripture: Galatians 4:8 - 5:12

**For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therfore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1**

No Christian doctrine presents a greater paradox or poses greater difficulty for understanding than that of freedom. The natural mind views the discipline and restraint of the Christian life as a denial of freedom. In contrast the believer finds true freedom only in commitment to God. The apostle Pual posed the paradox when he maintained that in Christ he enjoyed freedom yet described himself in his letters as the slave or servant of Jesus Christ. Martin Luther expressed it in "The Freedom of the Christian Man" in two propositions: "A Christian man is a most free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian man is a most dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

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his life will lose it and one who would lose his life for Christ will save it.

The philosopher John MacMurray wrote in "Freedom in the Modern World" that "we can only be free ( that is real) in so far as we think and feel and act in terms of what is not ourselves." Such a concept of freedom is not limited to the religious life, though it embraces it. In his complete commitment to Jesus Christ, Paul thought and felt and acted in terms not of himself but of Christ. He lived above and beyond himself and enjoyed freedom to preach the gospel of Christ and advance the kingdom of God.

On the other hand, there were thousands living in Rome in Paul's day who considered themselves free. They did not work. The government provided food in a free distribution of bread and entertainment in free tickets to gladiatorial fights and chariot races. Though enjoying apparent freedom, they were really slaves to their appetites.

So it is today. Those who live for the self enslave themselves to that most demanding of masters, the self, which is never satisfied. Those who live in commitment to a cause, outside themselves, become real people and free, though with qualification. If the commitment has a selfish motive, it does not result in freedom. For example, the Communist is committed to a cause and in that respect is a real person. But if he is committed to communism merely to insure a steady supply of food or to attain power over his fellows, as Communist dictators exercise, he becomes as truly a slave as any individual who makes his appetites and passions the motivating guides of his life.

God offers in Christ the freedom which enables the individual to develop to his fullest potential. Freedom in Christ gives one the perspective to see the totality of life, to distinguish the true and the real from the false and the superficial, and to give the proper priorities, summarized by Jesus as seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Paul recognized the possibilities for the abuse of freedom, by using it to return to the old requirements of the law from which Christ had freed believers.

Man is a spiritual as well as a social, an intellectual and a physical being. He must cultivate the spiritual life as well as the others, if he is to develop to his full potential. As a spiritual being made in the image of God, he can find spiritual development only in fellowship with God.

Every life must have its loyalties. Man cannot live without committing himself to something, whether he does so consciously or not or whether it is worthy of his loyalty or not. Because God does not force man into commitment to Him, thereby respecting the freedom with which He created him, He gives man freedom of choice. Among the opportunities man may freely choose is a commitment to God with the call to service and forgetfulness of self. In such a commitment the individual is freed from slavery which kills and destroys to a freedom and fellowship with God who brings eternal life.

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## Rev. Bob Teems To Speak At New Hope Sunday

Rev. Bob Teems, former pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Vera, from 1966-68, will be the guest speaker for the Homecoming morning worship service this coming Sunday, September 19. Upon leaving New Hope Church in 1968, Rev. Teems and his wife Mary Ann were appointed sas Southern Baptist missionaries to the French West Indies. Rev. Teems has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elloree, South Carolina, after returning from the mission field. In September of 1975, Rev. Teems became the pastor of the Huguenot Road Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Mary Ann Teems is a registered nurse and teaches in the School of Nursing at Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond. The Teems have three children: Rhett, David, and Ben.

Dinner-on-the-grounds will follow after the morning worship service. At 2:00 p.m., there will be an old-fashioned "Gospel Sing" in the church. Select groups will include "The Singing Christians" from Evergreen Baptist Church and the Elder Family from Rocks Baptist Church. The Adult Choir from new Hope will sing, and solos will be presented by Carroll Goodrich, Emma Norcross, Faye Franklin and Calvin Smith. Also presenting numbers will be a duet, Tamara and Jeryl Nash; a trio, Margie Doss, James and Thelma Franklin, a trio, Betty Garrett, Melinda McIntosh and Cynthia Hill; and a quartet, Barry and Teresa Elder, Margie Doss, and James Franklin.

All former members and friends of New Hope Church are invited to come and share in the Homecoming activities beginning with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. this coming Sunday, September 19.

### Evergreen

Otis Allen is a patient at McGuire Hospital in Richmond where he is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Bruce H. Paulette Jr., and B. H. III, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harvey spent the week end in Franklin, Va. as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Edwards and family.

Bruce H. Paulette and Traci were week end guests of Mrs. Frances Paulette.

Miss Virginia Lee Franklin has returned to her home after undergoing treatment at the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott and Jennifer Courtney spent the week end in Richmond as guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Bishop and Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham of Evergreen, Mrs. D. L. Bailey of Gladys and Mr. Jesse Chocklett of Brookneal drove to Gretna Sunday where they visited Mrs. Elsie Yeatts and the old home place of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Yeatts, grandparents of the Chocklett children.

Mrs. David Paulte was the guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham Sunday afternoon.

### Pamplin

We welcome to our city, Mr. and Mrs. James Embrey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fulfold and Mrs. C. Vest Wingfield. We wish them much happiness in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Young visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Syd Rohr and daughter, of Silver Springs, Md. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savits of Roanoke, en-route to Williamsburg for a long week end spent Thursday night with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Delano of Warsaw visited her mother, Mrs. Fannie Tillery last week end.

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